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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 201764

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, VM, BM, CASC

SUBJECT: VISIT TO VIETNAM - DR. JOHN HOA LE-VAN

REF: STATE 194161

1. DR. LE-VAN, A VIETNAMESE-BORN AMERICAN CITIZEN, WAS GRANTED SRV ENTRY VISA FOR PURPOSE OF VISITING VIETNAM AS PART OF FRENCH MEDICAL GROUP CHARTER WHICH INCLUDED OTHER VIETNAMESE-BORN PERSONS (REFTEL PARA 3A). DR. LE-VAN ALSO RECEIVED PERMISSION TO VISIT HIS MOTHER IN HO CHI MINH CITY. GROUP CHARTER HAS BEEN CANCELLED AT LAST MOMENT BUT DR. LE-VAN STILL PLANS TO MAKE TRIP ALONE, TRAVELING CHICAGO-RANGOON-HANOI AND RETURN.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS CAUTIONED DR. LE-VAN APPROPRIATELY. HE UNDERSTANDS USG CANNOT AFFORD CUSTOMARY PROTECTION TO AMCIT ABROAD AND THAT HE IS BASICALLY ON HIS OWN WHILE IN VIETNAM.

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3. WE HAVE ADVISED DR. LE-VAN THAT HE SHOULD CONTACT JIM BULLINGTON UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN RANGOON BOTH GOING TO (AUGUST 30) AND RETURNING FROM HANOI (OCT. 5). HE MAY ALSO CHECK IN WITH DESAI ANDERSON OR ANDREW ANTIPPAS WHILE IN BANGKOK.

4. FOLLOWING IS DR. LE-VAN'S ITINERARY. DEPARTMENT WISHES  
TO BE INFORMED PROMPTLY OF ANY DELAY IN HIS RETURN THROUGH  
RANGOON:

LV US 8/26

ARR BKK 8/28 1:45 AM PA NO. 1

LV BKK 8/30 10:10 AM THAI INTERNATIONAL FLT. 301

ARR RANGOON 8/30 10:45 AM

RON STRAND HOTEL

LV RANGOON 8/31 AEROFLOT NO. 541 11:50 AM

ARR HANOI 8/31 3:45 PM

LV HANOI 10/5 12:00 PM AEROFLOT NO. 542

ARR RANGOON 10/5 5:25 PM

RON STRAND HOTEL

LV RANGOON 10/6 4:10 PM THAI INTERNATIONAL NO. 303

ARR BANGKOK 10/6 5:45 PM

LV BANGKOK 10/8 PA NO. 2 CHRISTOPHER

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